

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in the light of the following comments.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 3 is amended to clarify the language in response to the comment by the examiner.

With respect to claim 12, the current blocker of claim 9 has been moved to claim 1, thereby providing the antecedent basis for "the current blocker" in claim 12.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-4 and 9-11

Claim 1 is amended by substituting "consisting of" for "comprising" in the preamble. This change is intended to exclude any component not specified in the claim. Manual of Patent Examining Practice § 2111.03.

Claim 1 now specifies a circuit consisting of a two-winding transformer, a primary switch, a capacitor, a current blocker, a means for interfacing the power converter with a load, and a controller. The presence of any other components are excluded.

All of the embodiments of Taguchi et al. include a "discharge circuit" together with a variety of other components not specified in claim 1 and consequently, none of these disclose the identical invention of the present application as is required for anticipation. MPEP § 2131.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 103

Claims 12-15

Claims 12-15 have to do with an "output stage" rather than two power converters connected in parallel. The examiner has not established *prima facie* obviousness of claims 12-15.

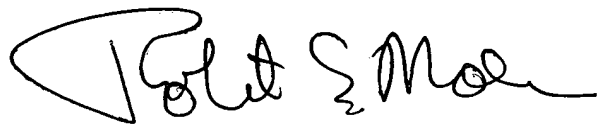
Claims 16-19

Claims 16-19 also have to do with an "output stage", in this case one which utilizes a dc-ac inverter. The examiner has not discussed why a person skilled in the art would want to incorporate a dc-ac inverter used in a multi-phase power drive in the switching power supply system of Taguchi et al. The examiner has not shown motivation on the part of the person skilled in the art and consequently has not established *prima facie* obviousness of claims 16-19.

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The claims now appear to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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